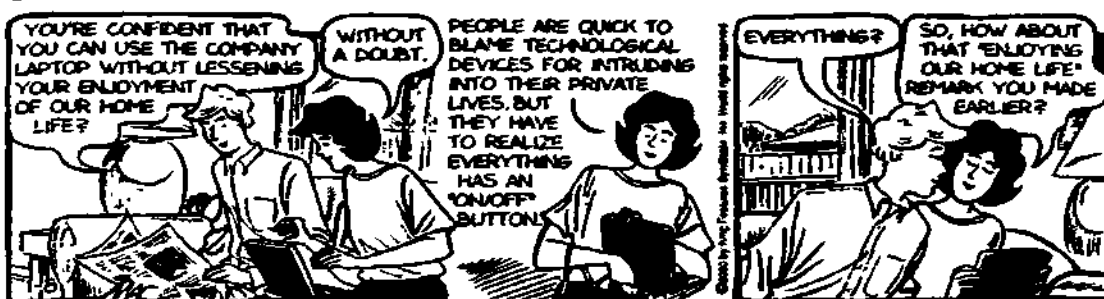


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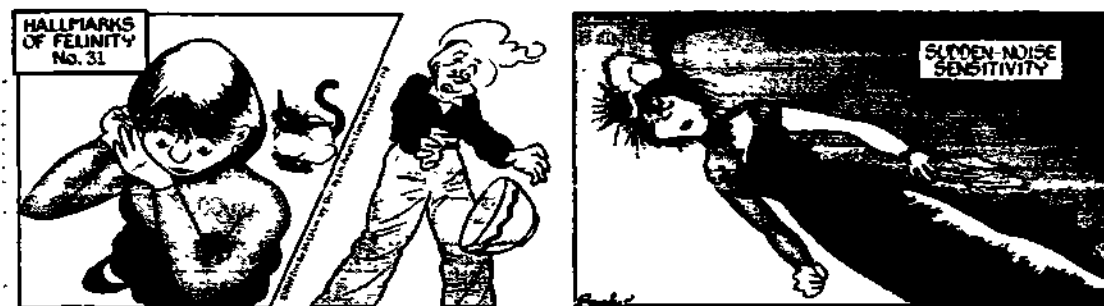
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



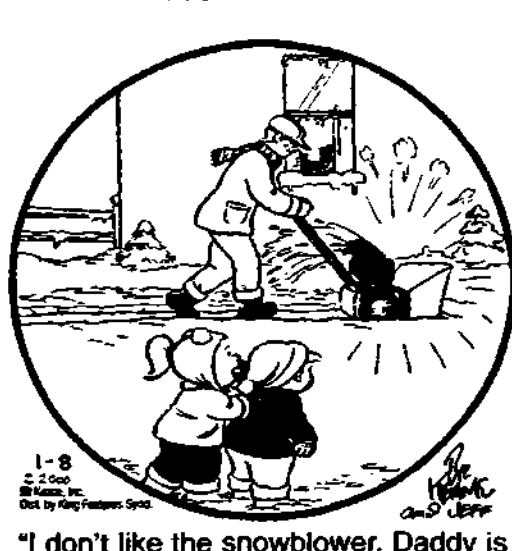
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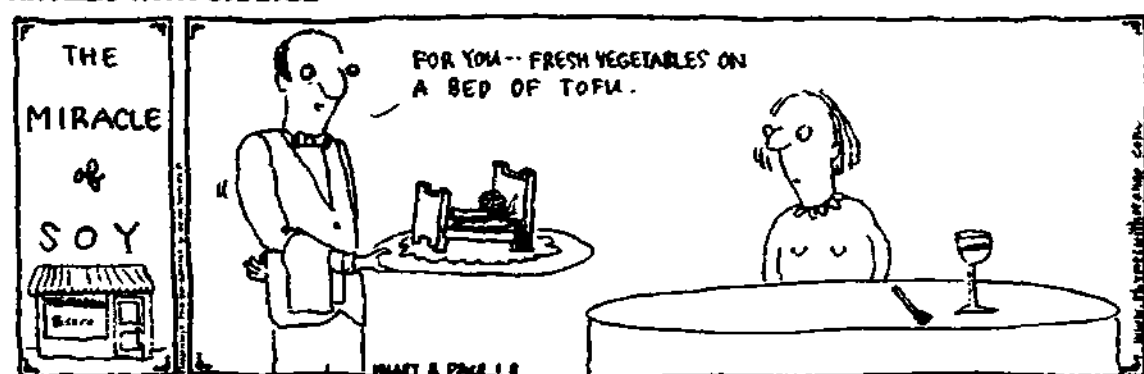
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor-comedian Larry Storch is 77. Actor Ren Moody is 76. Comedian Soupy Sales is 74. Broadcast journalist Sander Vanocur is 72. CBS newsman Charles Osgood is 67. Singer Shirley Bassey is 63. Country-gospel singer Cristy Lane is 60. Physicist Stephen Hawking is 58. Rock musician Robby Krieger (The Doors) is 54. Rock singer David Bowie is 53.

I NEED HELP



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S	M	C	N	I	A	O	2nd Letter Double

PAR SCORE 88-108
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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WORD SLEUTH

GODS OF ANCIENT ROME

R L H E B X U R O L S I E B Y
V S Q N K H E B Y A W T R O L
J G E B Y W M U T R N P N K I
N E P T U N E U G D B O Z X V
S Q O M A V R E N I M K M I D
G E C A Y N C E A W O N U O I
S Q P N L J U S T N H A S L P
F E C A Y X R T U I U C U L U
V U S Q P A Y J R N P L N O C
M K J H M F E A R O R U A P C
B Z Y X V U A R O L F V J A T

Friday's unlisted clue: BULL

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue: GOD OF THE SEA

Apollo	Fortuna	Luna	Pomona
Aurora	Janus	Mars	Saturn
Cupid	Juno	Mercury	Vulcan
Flores	Jupiter	Minerva	

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HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Jan. 9

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your goal today should be to find like-minded individuals who share your vision.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Be on the lookout for friends or co-workers who may be trying to get a reaction out of you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) If you are feeling bored with your usual routine, today might be a good day to venture into something new.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) As the moon moves through Aquarius, you may be feeling quite emotional.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) It's in your best interest to use your head instead of your heart today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Be as flexible as possible with your plans today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Getting along with friends and family has never seemed easier.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Try to avoid possible misunderstandings by clearly stating your intentions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Networking should be easy for you today as the moon moves into the house of Aquarius.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) It might be a good idea to re-examine your priorities, especially concerning your family.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You are at the center of attention, just where you like to be.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your concentration may not be at its best due to the Aquarius moon.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

When West leads his fourth-best spade to East's queen, should South automatically win his king? If he does, he is headed for a one-trick set. A successful finesse against East's heart queen gains him nothing -- the game will make or break on the diamond finesse. And when East has the diamond king, a spade return sends the game one down. Now South should refuse to win East's spade queen at trick one. When East continues with his last spade, the game is secure regardless of the spade distribution. If West has five spades (today's layout), South will lose only two spade tricks and make his game. If West has only four spades (A-10-8-7), it will lead to the same result. This time West will duck the second spade, leaving a third spade with East. When the diamond finesse loses, East returns a spade, but it is still only four tricks for East-West and nine for South.

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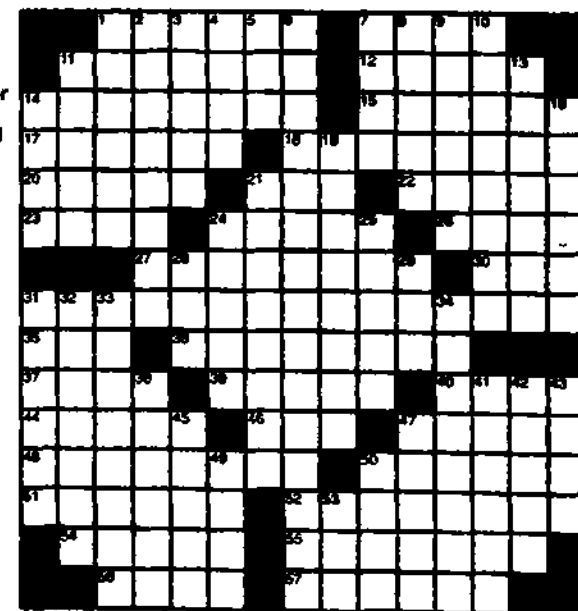
- ACROSS**
- Explorer Vasco Núñez de ...
 - Part of a loading zone, maybe
 - Up in arms
 - Word of parting
 - Melbourne is its capital
 - Warner-Lambert product
 - Kind of price
 - Noted buffalo hunters
 - Won't meet
 - Waited
 - Cave-dweller
 - Book marks
 - Whimpered
 - Crossjack, e.g.
 - Noted TV debut of 9/8/86
 - Cahypao offshoot
 - Anonymous work, often
 - That girl in "That Girl"
 - "O" curse of ...: Othello
 - Hunger
 - Like some mouthwashes
 - How workaholics often work
 - Biting matters
 - "Something just crossed my mind ..."
 - Beg off
 - Homer, e.g.
 - "Guys and Dolls" locale
 - Aircraft designer Douglas of Douglas Aircraft
 - Details
 - Rank
 - File destroyers
 - Installs
 - Took off (with)

DOWN

- Advice for a gloomy Gus
- Highbrowism
- Roman Colosseum sights
- Wimbledon champ for five years straight
- Nice response
- "You might also consider ..."
- Tease
- Fight extinction, maybe
- Light-headed people?
- Sunday entree
- Suspicious
- Rassembling a spore
- Wide-ranging
- Last portion
- All the time in the world

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

TORCHES CLONES
EVEREST CHEMISE
MENORCA MATISSE
PROCASTINATION
ERIA ELS
BARTING STILO AGO
UTES OAKY NAMER
THEARTOFKEEPING
TOKYO NOEL STOA
ESS TIER EGOVAN
DAN COCA
UPWITHYESTERDAY
READIES CIVILIAN
ARRIVAL CIVILIAN
LITNET RECASTS



Puzzle by Patrick D. Barry

- Party line?
- Blown away
- Whistlers' whistles
- Postwar period and others
- Thieves' arrangement
- Obstruct
- Factor in decision-making
- Achilles, e.g.
- Up to, informally

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